

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the dispensing of at least one serving from a dispensing apparatus comprising the steps of:

(a) entering identification information about a user;

(b) putting a dispensing apparatus in a ready state based on said identification information;

~~(e)~~(b) entering first dispensing information about said at least one serving in said readied dispensing apparatus, said first dispensing information including the quantity of said at least one serving;

(c) entering destination information about a location of a recipient of where at least one serving is to be delivered in said readied dispensing apparatus;

~~—— (d) storing said first dispensing information in a storage medium;~~

~~—— (e) linking said first dispensing information with destination information;~~

~~(f)~~(d) putting ~~activating~~ said readied dispensing apparatus in an activated state after linking said first dispensing information to said destination information~~based on said first dispensing information to put said dispensing apparatus in an activated state;~~ and

~~(g)~~(e) dispensing said at least one serving from said activated dispensing apparatus based on the quantity entered as part of said first dispensing information, wherein said dispensing occurs after said linking of said first dispensing information to said destination information.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of putting said activated dispensing apparatus in a stand-by state.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises the number of said at least one serving to be dispensed.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises an input of an amount of payment.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises said dispensing apparatus which will dispense said at least one serving.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing apparatus dispenses said at least one serving into a container.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 463, wherein said identification information comprises a bar code.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 463, wherein said identification information comprises a magnetic strip.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 463, wherein said identification information comprises a password.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 463, wherein said identification information is part of ~~said~~ a container.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises a bar code.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises a magnetic strip.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information comprises a password.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing information is part of ~~said a~~ container.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of storing said identification information in a ~~making entry into said warehouse database of said identification information said at least one serving dispensed.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~17, further comprising the step of ~~making~~ storing said first dispensing information in ~~entry into a said warehouse database of said dispensing information of said at least one serving dispensed.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~18, further comprising the step of ~~making~~ storing said destination information in ~~entry into a said warehouse database of said destination information of said at least one serving dispensed.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~19, further comprising the step of comparing any two said ~~entries~~ stored information recorded in said warehouse database.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~21~~1, wherein said destination information consists of an amount of payment.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said entering dispensing information step includes entering that said at least one serving is a refill serving, and wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

~~(h) repeating steps (a) and (b);~~

~~(i)~~(f) entering second dispensing information about at least one serving in said readied dispensing apparatus, said second dispensing information including information about ~~a said refill serving and the quantity of said at least one serving~~;

~~— (j) storing said second dispensing information in a storage medium;~~

~~(k)~~(g) linking said second dispensing information ~~with~~ to said destination information;

~~(h)~~(h) ~~putting activating~~ said readied dispensing apparatus in an activated state after linking based on said second dispensing information to said destination information ~~to put said dispensing apparatus in an activated state~~; and

~~(m)~~(i) dispensing said at least one serving from said activated dispensing apparatus in the quantity entered as part of said second dispensing information based on said second dispensing information, wherein said dispensing occurs after said linking of said second dispensing information to said destination information.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of putting said activated dispensing apparatus in a stand-by state.

25. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of pressing an activation device to dispense said at least one serving after said dispensing apparatus is placed in said activated state.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of timing out the dispensing by disabling said activated dispensing apparatus and returning said activated dispensing apparatus to said readied state when said button is not pressed within the allocated time period.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of disabling said activated dispensing apparatus and returning said activated dispensing apparatus to said readied state when said at least one serving is dispensed into ~~said a~~ container in accordance with said second dispensing information.

28. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said dispensing apparatus comprises a multi-dispensing apparatus.

29-62. (Cancelled)

63. (New) A method of claim 1, wherein said at least one serving is a beverage.

64. (New) A method for controlling the dispensing of at least one serving from a dispensing apparatus comprising the steps of:

- (a) entering first dispensing information about said at least one serving in a readied dispensing apparatus, said first dispensing information including the quantity of said at least one serving;

- (b) entering destination information about a location of a recipient of where at least one serving is to be delivered in said readied dispensing apparatus;

- (c) putting said readied dispensing apparatus in an activated state after linking said first dispensing information to said destination information; and

- (d) dispensing said at least one serving from said activated dispensing apparatus in the quantity entered as part of said first dispensing information, wherein said dispensing occurs after said linking of said first dispensing information to said destination information.